

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION/AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action mailed 31 October 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION begin on page 2.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS - none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS begin on page 3.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS begin on page 4.